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Sir:

This is in response to the Non-final Official Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 9, 2009. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until May 9, 2009, this paper is filed with a Request for Two-Month Extension of Time including the requisite extension of time fee, extending the period for response to July 9, 2009. Should any extension of time fees or other fee be required to maintain the pendency of the application, authorization is hereby provided to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.